GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:328
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
NEWS BULLETINS IN TRIBAL DIALECTS ON DD
DUKHA BHAGAT;LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether news bulletins in Tribal Dialects are not telecast by the local stations of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details thereof, station-wise, dialects-wise; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken to bring the tribal populace into the national mainstream and to make them aware of the welfare schemes of the Government being run for them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.328 for answer on 12.12.2002

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that due to shortage of manpower and resources, Doordarshan is not able to telecast news bulletins in Tribal Dialects.

(d): DD Kendras particularly those located in tribal areas in the North-East, Ranchi,Sambalpur, Jagdalpur, Raipur, etc., regularly telecast programmes show-casing the rich socio-cultural divergence of tribal life including their songs & dances, folklore & customs, traditions and lifestyles.

Programmes based on welfare schemes of the government, intended for the benefit of tribal populace are telecast, in their dialects, as far as feasible. Tribal artists are also encouraged to come forward and participate in Doordarshan programmes.